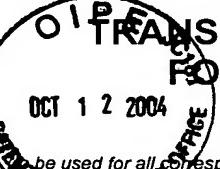
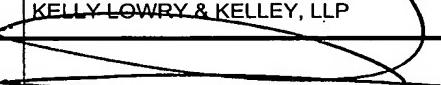
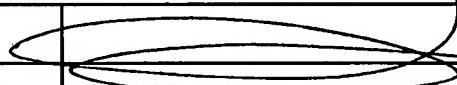


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RESPONSE

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In response to an Office Action dated September 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.